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# **SCOTTSDALE MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR TAX REFUND SCHEME**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 17, 2002, JAMES NEIL FEICHTINGER, 63, of Scottsdale, Arizona, was sentenced to 15 months in prison by United States District Judge James A. Teilborg, in Phoenix, Arizona.

FEICHTINGER had entered a plea of guilty to one count of making and filing a false 1995 Federal Individual Income Tax Return, commonly known as a Form "1040," on April 2, 2002.

The indictment in this case charged that FEICHTINGER used two different methods to fraudulently obtained federal tax refunds to which he was not entitled. In one method, FEICHTINGER, posing as "Franz" FEICHTINGER, signed and submitted tax returns and "W-2" Federal Income Tax Withholding forms for 1995, 1996 and 1997, falsely claiming for each year that he was entitled to a tax refund. In the other method, FEICHTINGER signed and submitted tax returns in his own name, along with W-2 forms, for 1992, 1993, 1994 and 1995, also falsely claiming that he was entitled to refunds for each year. In both cases, FEICHTINGER submitted bogus W-2 forms that claimed several thousands of dollars of taxes had been withheld by his employer and paid over to the IRS. In fact, FEICHTINGER created the employers listed on the W-2 forms, and it was FEICHTINGER who manufactured the W-2 forms. FEICHTINGER's actions caused losses of over \$130,000 in tax refunds or credits.

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The investigation in this case was conducted by the Criminal Investigation Phoenix Field Office  
of the Internal Revenue Service.

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